



2009 SENATE BILL 515

February 3, 2010 – Introduced by Senators LEHMAN, MILLER, TAYLOR, KREITLOW and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives HILGENBERG, TURNER, GARTHWAITE, ROYS, A. WILLIAMS, STEINBRINK, TOWNSEND, YOUNG, SHILLING and KNODL. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology, and Financial Institutions.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 154.30 (1) (a) and 154.30 (8) (d) (intro.); and *to create* 154.30
2 (8) (dm) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorization for final disposition of a
3 decedent's remains.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may execute an authorization for final disposition that designates another to control the final disposition of the person's remains. An authorization for final disposition must be witnessed by two witnesses or signed before a notary public. This bill provides that a member of the U.S. armed forces may execute a valid authorization for final disposition in the manner and on a form provided by the federal Department of Defense.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 154.30 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 154.30 **(1)** (a) "Authorization for final disposition" means a ~~written, signed~~
6 document that ~~is acknowledged before a notary public or is witnessed~~ satisfies the
7 conditions under sub. (8) (d) or (dm), and that is voluntarily executed by a declarant
8 under sub. (8), but is not limited in form or substance to that provided in sub. (8).

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SECTION 2. 154.30 (8) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

154.30 **(8)** (d) (intro.) An Except as provided in par. (dm), an authorization for final disposition shall meet all of the following requirements:

SECTION 3. 154.30 (8) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

154.30 **(8)** (dm) A document executed by a member of the U.S. armed forces in the manner and on a form provided by the federal department of defense that designates a person to direct the disposition of the member's remains is a valid authorization for final disposition under this section.

(END)